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IN RE APPLICATION OF

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: EXAMINER: VERDIER, C. M.

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FOR: FASTENING ARRANGEMENT  
FOR A SPLIT CASING

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AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated January 14, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claim 3.

1. (Three Times Amended) A fastening arrangement for a split casing assembled by fastening a plurality of casing segments, comprising:

cl a first and a second casing segment assembled together by joining joint faces of the respective segments, said first and second casing segments are provided with bolt holes in such a manner that the bolt hole of the first casing segment and the bolt hole of the second casing segment align with each other and, when the first and the second casing segments are assembled together, form a continuous bolt hole crossing the joint faces and extending